

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following paragraph:

[0024] Bottom portion 14 has a crotch slot 22 in general alignment with the seat anchor location for the buckle assembly B. The buckle assembly B can include a buckle B that is tethered to the seat shell by a short strap, as shown in the figures, and the crotch slot 22 is large enough to allow the buckle to pass through it. Other seat designs may have a tang that is recessed in the bottom portion and releasably receives a buckle that is connected to the shoulder straps. Regardless of the buckle arrangement, the crotch slot 22 is large enough to accommodate any portion of any type of buckle assembly so that the pad 12 can be removed from the seat with the lower portion of the buckle assembly still anchored to the seat shell.

Alternative pad embodiments can include two crotch slots.